



# THE SOCIAL WORLD



Mr. John Hopkins, who organised Napier's first "Mardi Gras" so successfully last year, has established another record in the way of carnivals. The second festival was held on December 26 and 28, and proved a brilliant success. The election for queen registered 179,670 votes. Waipawa district secured 50,000 votes and were declared the winners, Miss Bessie Angus being the successful candidate.

The marriage took place in St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, of Miss Laura Tansey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Tansey, of Raetihi, to Mr. William Ernest Waldegrave, solicitor, of Raetihi.

Mrs. Zachariah, senior, formerly of Christchurch, where her late husband was Rabbi for many years, has arrived in New Zealand from New York, where she has been residing for some years.

The Misses Miller, on their retirement from Braemar House, which they conducted as a girls' school so successfully for 20 years, were presented with numerous gifts by former pupils.

Nurse Christina F. McLean, who heads the list for the Dominion in the recent nurses' examination, received her training at the Wanganui Hospital, which she left six months ago for maternity training at St. Helen's Hospital, Auckland.

Prior to the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Hogben, of Wellington, entertained the members of the Education Department, with their wives, at afternoon tea.

Miss Nellie Burgess daughter of Mr. S. Burgess, Wellington, was married to Mr. F. T. Castle, Wellington, on December 24. The wedding reception was held in the Hotel Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hudson returned to Auckland by the Makura after a trip to Sydney.

The marriage rate in Great Britain has increased by 50 per cent. since the war began.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stead, of Christchurch, came up to Auckland for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hindmarsh, of Wellington, have gone on a visit to Rotorua and the Waitomo Caves.

The Hon. W. F. Massey has been elected a Fellow of the Colonial Institute.

The wife of Detective Boddam (who has been appointed Chief Detective at Wellington) is a daughter of Mr. John Fuller, sen., of Auckland.

A Victoria Cross hero, Mr. John Kenrick, died at Murchison last week at the age of 79 years. His Victoria Cross was awarded to him after the Maori war for conspicuous bravery in carrying a wounded officer to safety under heavy fire.

The marriage took place in St. John's Cathedral, Napier, on December 22, of Miss Jocelyn Lusk, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lusk, of "Milton Grange," Napier, to Mr. Harry de Latour, of Gisborne.

The Victorian members of the Australian army nursing staff were farewelled recently by their fellow-nurses and friends at the Grand Hotel in Melbourne. There were three hundred nurses present, and a number of medical men. The nurses going to the front number over forty.

Mr. J. B. Harcourt and Miss Harcourt, Wellington, are spending a holiday in Auckland.

On Boxing Day, at St. Thomas' Church, Newtown, Wellington, the Rev. W. Fancourt solemnised the marriage of Miss Weldon, eldest daughter of Mr. H. C. Weldon, of London, England, with Mr. C. P. Cresswell, of Bransted, Kent, England.

Madame Boeufve, who has been in Melbourne for some time, arrived in Wellington last week.

Mrs. and the Misses Lever returned to Wellington last week from a visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradney Williams, of Christchurch, are touring the Hot Lakes.

Dr. and Mrs. Hope Lewis, Auckland, have been spending the holidays at Masterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Banks, of Cambridge, have taken a cottage at Puru, Thames.

An exchange announces the engagement of Miss Leila Cobb, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb, Otaki, to Mr. F. A. Clarke, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Clarke, "Four Oaks," Warwickshire England.

Dr. Garnet Wolseley Twigg, son of Mr. H. J. Twigg, of Petane (Hawke's Bay), has joined the R.A.M.C. Dr. Twigg has had a practice for some time at Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Peacocke, of Auckland, are spending a holiday in Christchurch.

Miss Samuel, on the staff of the Waitaki High School, has been appointed mathematical and science mistress of the Southland Girls' High School.

At St. Matthew's Church, Masterton, on December 26, Mr. John Delicate, second son of Mr. J. Delicate, of Durham City, England, was married to Miss Alice Briden, third daughter of Mr. J. C. Briden, of Masterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Davis returned to Auckland by the Makura after a trip to Sydney.

Cable advice has been received by the Defence Department of the death of Private Albert George Cooper at the Abbasia Hospital, Egypt, on Boxing Day, from pneumonia. Deceased belonged to the 9th, Hawke's Bay, Company of the Wellington Infantry Battalion main expeditionary force.

Madame Poincare, wife of the French President, sent thousands of Christmas presents to the children of Alsace and Lorraine.

Miss Richmond, superintendent of the Children's Home, Ponsonby, has been appointed head mistress of the St. Mary's School for Girls, which has been established by the Church of England at Stratford.

A double wedding took place on December 22 at the Methodist Church, Hataitai, the respective brides being Miss Florence Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bond, who was married to Mr. Henry H. Sewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sewell, and Miss Lily Gertrude Sewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sewell, who married Mr. Frank Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bond. The joint ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Southern, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Bensley, cousin of Mr. and Miss Sewell.

Nurse E. J. Cameron has been appointed Plunket Nurse for Timaru and district, in the place of Nurse Bowie, who is going to Europe to join the field nursing staff.

Mrs. Rolleston, president of the Christchurch Women's Reform League, gave a large garden party at her residence. The guests were workers in the Reform cause during the recent election, and the candidates who stood in that interest.

The engagement is announced in the "Dominion" of Miss Adelaide M. Deighton, daughter of Mrs. F. M. Deighton, "Leventhorpe," Kawhatau, Mangaweka, to Mr. Percy H. Robinson, second son of Mrs. Robinson, Patchetts, Lancaster, England.

Mr. George Harris, a well-known Christchurch solicitor died at his residence on December 24. Mr. Harris was 47 years of age, and leaves a widow and ten children.

Miss Isabel Maude Peacocke, of Auckland, has composed a poem, entitled "England's Vow," and has given the proceeds of a great number of copies to the Belgian Relief Fund.

I was in a club here the other night. A game of bridge was in progress. While one of the hands was being played the secretary entered the room and spoke to one of the governors, who was watching the play. They retired to a distant corner and whispered together for a moment or so. Then the governor returned to the table and stood waiting for the finish of the hand.

Suddenly, as if by magic, conversation stopped. By some subtle telepathic process everyone knew that something dreadful was in the air. The silence was ominous, portentous. There was no movement save that of the players, who continued the game without a word until the last trick had fallen. Then one of the players turned to the governor and asked: "News for me?"

"Yes, Colonel," replied the governor. "About my sons?" "Yes, Colonel." "Wounded?" "Killed." "Which one?" "Both, Colonel."

The Colonel reached across the table, poured out a drink and drank it. Then he addressed one of the on-lookers.

"Finish the rubber for me, please," he said, and then, turning to his fellow players he continued: "Gentlemen, you must excuse me. I have to go and break the news to their mother."—By Geo. Broadhurst, in "New York American."

"A man doesn't fall in love with a woman's planes of thought. He falls in love with her smile, the nape of her neck, her eyebrow. At best, it's nine-tenths physical attraction."



MISS BESSIE ANGUS, of Waipawa, who was elected Queen of the "Mardi Gras" held at Napier on December 26 and 28, under the auspices of the Napier Thirty Thousand Club.

Misses Rosa and Lena Van Stavren, daughters of the Rabbi of Wellington, who have been spending the greater part of the year in Europe and England, have returned to Wellington.

Mrs. James Taylor and family, Cambridge, are holiday making at Milford Beach.

Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Liverpool are spending a few days with Mrs. A. E. G. Rhodes (Merivale) prior to taking up their residence for a few months at Elmwood, Papanui.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, Hawke's Bay, were in Auckland for the races, and intend spending a few days at Waiwera.

The death occurred at Stewart Island on December 25 of Professor James Gow Black, aged 79 years. Since his retirement from the Otago University the Professor had resided on the Island, where he took up land.

Canon Nelson, registrar of the Auckland University College, and Mrs. Nelson are spending a short holiday in Wellington.

Miss Dorothea Spinney, the English elocutionist, gave one of her enjoyable Greek recitals at Devonport. Mrs. J. C. Macky lent her grounds, which made a delightful setting.

Mr. Keith Murdoch, Melbourne correspondent of the "Sydney Sun," is a member of the party accompanying the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Fisher, through New Zealand.

Mr. H. V. Searle, of Dunedin, has been appointed to the staff of the New Plymouth High School in place of Mr. V. J. Hall, who has volunteered for the front.

Mr. Martyn Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Abraham, of Palmerston North, has been appointed to a commission in the Royal Horse Artillery, and has gone into training in England. Mr. Abraham has been a corporal in King Edward's Horse, formed of colonials in England, for some time.

Mr. Arthur M. Myers, M.P., president of the Northern Club, entertained the Rt. Hon. Andrew Fisher, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. J. A. Boyd, M.P. for Henty, and a number of prominent racing visitors to dinner at the Northern Club.